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REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-28 are allowed. Claim 29 has been amended herein to set forth aspects indicated as allowable by the Examiner. A listing of all pending claims is found at pages 2-7 of this Reply.

Applicant's representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic conversation on March 21, 2005, during which the Examiner suggested that the subject amendment to claim 29 be submitted to place all claims in the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claim 29 has been amended herein to set forth aspects that the Examiner has indicated are allowable with regard to the allowed claims, as detailed below in Section I.

Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

**I. Rejection of Claim 29 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schaffstein *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,140,994) in view of Fleming *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,439,759). It is submitted that this rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Neither Schaffstein *et al.* nor Fleming *et al.*, alone or in combination, teach or suggest every aspect set forth in the subject claim.

To reject claims in an application under §103, an examiner must establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. A *prima facie* case of obviousness is established by a showing of three basic criteria. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) *must teach or suggest all the claim limitations*. See MPEP §706.02(j). The *teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination* and the reasonable expectation of success *must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's*

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*disclosure. See In re Vaeck*, 947 F.2d 488, 20 USPQ2d 1438 (Fed. Cir. 1991) (emphasis added).

The present invention relates generally to the field of video displays and more particularly to an improved *raster engine with multi-mode programmable blinking*. (See, e.g., page 1, lines 4-6.) Independent claim 29 has been amended to set forth “a raster engine adapted to receive video data from the frame buffer, to format and selectively remap the video data, and to render the formatted and selectively remapped data to the display.”

As stated by the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated January 27, 2005, “none of the cited references teaches or suggests...a raster engine that receives video data from the frame buffer, formats and selectively remaps the video data, and renders the formatted and selectively remapped video data to the display”, as set forth in Independent claim 15. In view of such it is believed that the present amendment serves to render claim 29 allowable.

Therefore, it is readily apparent that neither Schaffstein *et al.* nor Fleming *et al.*, alone or in combination, make obvious applicants' claimed invention as set forth in independent claim 29. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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